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L.D. 1490

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INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Minority

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
122ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1047, L.D. 1490, Bill, "An Act To Create a Nonprofit State-run Insurance Plan"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Create a Business Plan for a Nonprofit Organization To Provide Health Insurance and To Study the Feasibility of a Dirigo Health Marketing Demonstration Project'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Business plan proposal for nonprofit organization to provide health insurance. Resolved: That the Governor's Office of Health Policy and Finance shall prepare a business plan proposal for the establishment of a nonprofit hospital and medical service organization to provide health insurance organized under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 13-B and authorized pursuant to Title 24, chapter 19. No later than March 1, 2006, the Governor's Office of Health Policy and Finance shall submit the business plan proposal, including, but not limited to, a funding mechanism to capitalize the nonprofit hospital and medical service organization, to the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services. The nonprofit hospital and medical service organization proposed under this section may not be established unless private health insurance carriers do not apply to offer and deliver Dirigo Health Insurance, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, section 6903; and be it further

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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Sec. 2. Dirigo health insurance marketing demonstration project; feasibility study. Resolved: That the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance, in consultation with Dirigo Health, shall study the feasibility of establishing a demonstration project to test the effectiveness of different marketing strategies for DirigoChoice, the health insurance product established by Dirigo Health. No later than January 15, 2006, the bureau shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services. Following receipt and review of the report, the committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment is the minority report. The amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. The amendment requires the Governor's Office of Health Policy and Finance to prepare a business plan proposal for a nonprofit hospital and medical service organization for submission to the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services no later than March 1, 2006. The bill required the Board of Directors of Dirigo Health to propose a nonprofit health care plan. The amendment also adds a provision to require the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance, in consultation with Dirigo Health, to study the feasibility of establishing a demonstration project to test the effectiveness of different marketing strategies for DirigoChoice, the Dirigo health insurance product. The bureau is required to submit a report on the feasibility study to the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services no later than January 15, 2006.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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LR 2082(02)

An Act To Create a Nonprofit State-run Insurance Plan

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A'

Committee: Insurance and Financial Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds, Federal Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Governor's Office of Health Policy and Finance, the Bureau of Insurance within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, and the Dirigo Health program, can be absorbed utilizing existing resources.